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Subject: RE: draft key messages and talking points for tonight

Thanks Cecilia,

Here's the BB friendly version of the overview key messages and talking points.

I made one additional tweak we received from Todd. I removed the statement about emergency response team.

Tomorrow, after our team returns from the CAG, we will need to continue working on the point-by-point document we started today.

Response to CAG Comments RE: BMAC Screening and Sampling
7/21/14

Key Messages:

1. EPA is a technical authority in this field.
2. EPA's work has been thorough and complete.

3. EPA remains focused on the long term cleanup plan for the West Lake site.

Talking Points:

1. EPA has the technical expertise and experience to plan and conduct field screening and sampling investigations such as the one conducted at BMAC.
2. EPA's team included:
 - a. A Federal On-Scene Coordinator as project manager,
 - b. Two Certified Health Physicists,
 - c. A nuclear engineer,
 - d. environmental contractors,
 - e. Separate certified laboratories for equipment calibration and sampling analysis.
 - f. Superfund field staff from EPA Region 7 and Region 5.
3. Plans for the screening and sampling activities were developed by technical experts, in adherence to applicable scientific protocols.
4. More than 58,000 surface points were screened, spanning more than 45 miles of transecting lines across the facility. More than 100 soil samples were collected and analyzed for radionuclides--including Lead-210.
5. The March 2014 soil sampling information from Just Moms, which was eventually shared with EPA in late May, did not indicate levels of concern at BMAC; the Just Moms' separate gamma pal information was incomplete and not usable since it appears that the instrument was not calibrated.
6. EPA's own thorough screening conducted at BMAC has not indicated levels of concern, and the Agency's assessment of the facility is that it remains suitable for public use.
7. EPA remains focused on developing a long-term remedy for the West Lake Site.
8. The Just Moms' information was unusable; it did not follow a Quality Assurance Project Plan.
 - a. No sampling plan
 - b. No documentation of calibration
 - c. No description of basis for selection of sample locations
 - d. No provided qualifications of field personnel
9. EPA's screening instruments were sent to a certified lab for calibration prior to the start of field activities; equipment checks were conducted daily against known radiation sources, and meticulous records were kept and will be released with the final BMAC Report.